

# Oakland man charged in drug-related shooting

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An 18-year-old Oakland man was charged Tuesday with murder in the fatal shooting last month of another man who wanted him to commit robberies to repay a drug debt, police said.

Investigators said the suspect, Tyrone Jordan, claimed he did not want to rob anyone and said he shot Lavern Russell, 19, with Russell's own gun because he thought if he gave it back to him he would have been shot.

Russell was fatally shot near his home in the 2300 block of East 15th Street March 24. A friend, who was also shot at by Jordan, drove Russell to Highland Hospital and dumped him

from the car.

Sgt. Dan Mercado said police were able to determine through witnesses that Russell, Jordan and Russell's friend, whose name is not being released, were together before the shooting.

Mercado said Jordan owed Russell \$200 for a cocaine debt. Russell gave Jordan a semiautomatic pistol so he could commit some robberies to repay the debt.

But after the three men drove around Oakland and San Francisco and Jordan did not commit any holdups, they returned to Russell's home, police said.

Russell began arguing with Jordan, who was outside the car and demanded his gun back. Jordan shot Russell and fired at the car as it sped off.